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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.111, this paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. This paper is filed concurrently with a request for a 3-month extension of time and the appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), making the new response deadline May 14, 2007. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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